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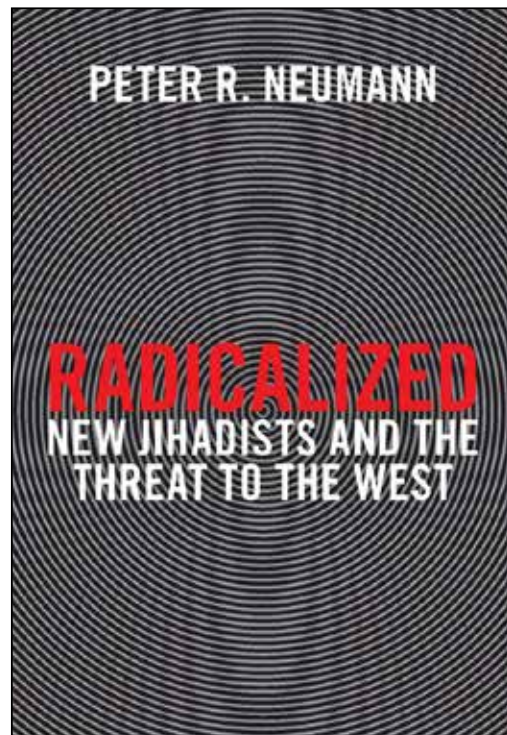
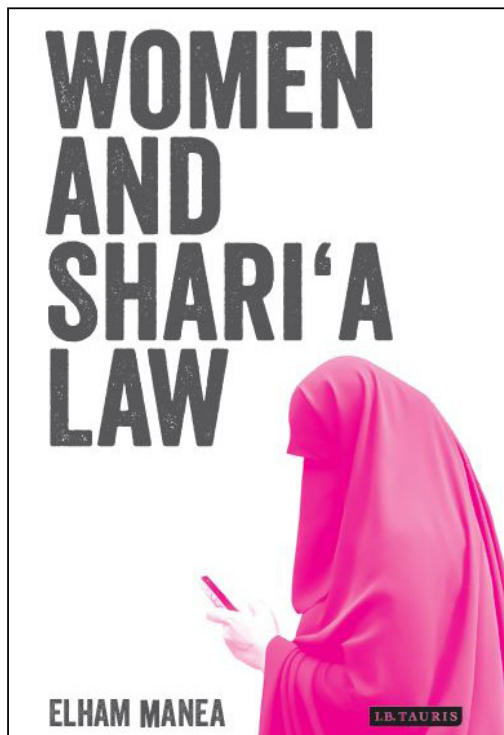
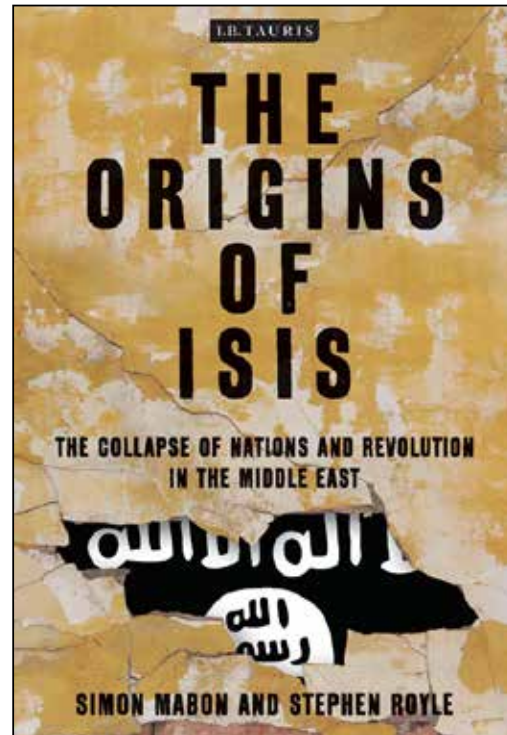
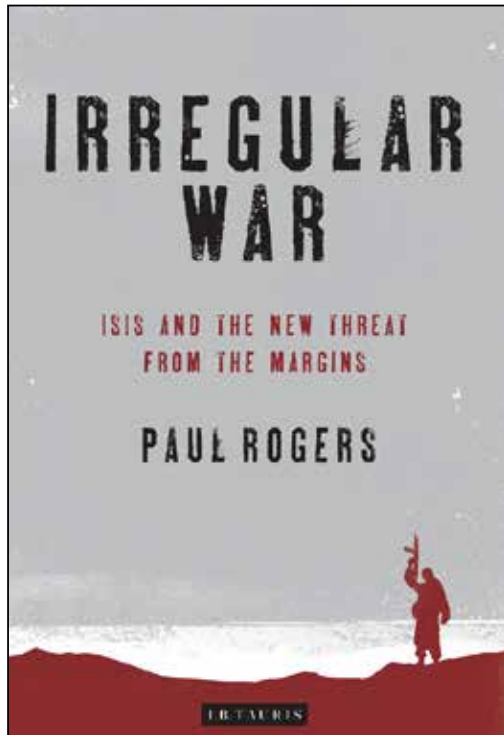
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# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

## Welcome from BRISMES

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to this year's Annual Conference of the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES).

This is the first time that BRISMES has convened its Annual Conference in Wales, and we are delighted to hold it in collaboration with the University of Wales Trinity Saint David at their Lampeter Campus. I would like to thank our Conference Convenor, Gary Bunt, Reader in Islamic Studies here in Lampeter for making this possible and allowing so many of us to come and enjoy this beautiful setting.

This year's theme has encouraged a diverse mix of papers. With presentations exploring political mobilisation networks, religious networks, cultural networks, smuggling networks, trade networks, social networks online, and those connecting the Middle East through time and space, there is a fascinatingly diverse range of panels to attend.

We are delighted that the keynote address will be given by the Welsh author, poet and lyricist Grahame Davies, and that he will celebrate this conference's particular setting by exploring the centuries-long historical connection between Wales and Islam. As a former Ambassador to Yemen I am familiar with the long trading connections between Yemen and Cardiff and am looking forward to learning more about the even deeper historical links with Islam.

The Roderic Bowen Library, which houses the University's oldest printed books, as well as medieval and post-medieval manuscripts, will be displaying a selection of its collections for us during the conference. The exhibition is open daily between 10am and 4pm. I urge you to take a look.

I would like to thank the publishers who are providing us all with the opportunity to browse – and purchase – new titles. I would particularly like to extend our thanks to our sponsors, the Kuwait Programme at LSE, The Gingko Library, I. B. Tauris and Gale, a part of Cengage Learning for their generous support.

Above all I would like to thank the conference team, especially Emma Pearson for all her hard work in helping make this conference a reality. It has been a pleasure to work with her.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for participating. I hope you enjoy the conference.

Frances Guy  
President, BRISMES

## Welcome from the University of Wales Trinity Saint David

Croeso! I am delighted to welcome you to the Lampeter campus of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, for this year's BRISMES Conference. This is the first time that the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies has held the Annual Conference in Wales, and we hope that delegates will enjoy visiting our historical and picturesque campus. It has been a pleasure to work with BRISMES to convene this conference, and the University is grateful to all of the Society, and especially Louise Haysey and Emma Pearson for their support. I also welcome the support of colleagues across the University.

We can expect an excellent range of panels for this conference, reflecting diversity of scholarship linking into the core theme of 'Networks: Connecting the Middle East through Time, Space and Cyberspace'. This title is indicative of many significant contemporary and historical themes associated with Middle Eastern Studies, at a time when many related issues are also prevalent within international affairs and the global media. Along with these important aspects of international concern, I'm very pleased that our plenary session, to be delivered by Grahame Davies, has a Welsh flavour in its exploration of the connections between Wales and Islam across nine centuries.

The University itself has developed links within diverse Muslim and Middle Eastern contexts over the years, and this is reflected in our lively programmes of studies at undergraduate and postgraduate level, including research degrees and the MA in Islamic Studies. Research is a key activity for myself and many of my colleagues here at the University, so we are looking forward to hosting an event which showcases some of the cutting-edge research being undertaken in Middle Eastern Studies.

I hope that you enjoy the unique atmosphere of the campus, and that it stimulates discussion (as well as some relaxation!). Thank you for joining us.

Dr Gary Bunt  
Conference Convenor  
Reader in Islamic Studies, Lampeter

## Croeso!

Braf gennyf eich croesawu chi i gampws Llambled Prifysgol Cymru Y Drindod Dewi Sant ar gyfer Cynhadledd Flynyddol eleni. Hwn yw'r tro cyntaf i Gymdeithas Prydain ar gyfer Astudiaethau'r Dwyrain Canol (BRISMES) gynnal ei Chynhadledd Flynyddol yng Nghymru, a gobeithio y bydd y cynadleddwyr yn mwynhau ymweld â'n campws hanesyddol a hardd. Bu'n bleser gweithio gyda BRISMES i drefnu'r gynhadledd hon, ac mae'r Brifysgol yn ddiolchgar i bawb yn y Gymdeithas, yn enwedig Louise Haysey ac Emma Pearson, am eu cefnogaeth. Rydw i hefyd yn croesawu cymorth cydweithwyr ar draws y Brifysgol.

Gallwn ni ddisgwyl amrywiaeth ardderchog o baneli ar gyfer y gynhadledd hon, sy'n adlewyrchu gwahanol fathau o ysgolheictod sy'n cysylltu â'r thema ganolog, sef 'Rhwydweithiau: Cysylltu'r Dwyrain Canol trwy Amser, Gofod a Seiberofod'. Cyfeiria'r teitl hwn at nifer o themâu cyfoes a hanesyddol sy'n ymwneud ag Astudiaethau'r Dwyrain Canol, a hynny wrth i lawer o faterion cysylltiedig eraill gael sylw mewn materion rhyngwladol a chyfryngau'r byd. Ynghyd â'r agweddau pwysig hyn sy'n achosion pryder rhyngwladol, rwy'n falch dros ben bod blas Cymreig ar ein sesiwn lawn, i'w thraddodi gan Graeme Davies, a fydd yn archwilio'r cysylltiadau rhwng Cymru ac Islam dros naw canrif.

Mae'r Brifysgol hithau wedi datblygu cysylltiadau ag amrywiol gyd-destunau Mwslimaidd a Dwyrain Canol dros y blynyddoedd, ac arwydd o hyn yw'r rhaglenni astudio bywiog ar lefel israddedig ac ôl-raddedig, gan gynnwys graddau ymchwil ac MA Astudiaethau Islamaidd. Mae gwaith ymchwil yn weithgarwch allweddol i mi ac i lawer o'm cydweithwyr yma yn y Brifysgol, felly rydyn ni'n edrych ymlaen at gynnal digwyddiad a fydd yn arddangos ychydig o'r ymchwil arloesol sy'n digwydd ym maes Astudiaethau Dwyrain Canol.

Gobeithio y mwynhewch chi'r awyrgylch unigryw ar y campws, ac y bydd yn ysgogi trafodaeth (yn ogystal ag ychydig o ymlacio!). Diolch am ymuno â ni.

Dr Gary Bunt

Cynullydd y Gynhadledd  
Darllenydd mewn Astudiaethau Islamaidd, Llambled

# ABOUT UWTSD, LAMPETER



Welcome to the University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD) – a dynamic and ambitious institution with campuses across South West Wales.

UWTSD was formed in 2010 through the merger of the University of Wales Lampeter and Trinity University College Carmarthen, under Lampeter's Royal Charter of 1828. In 2013, Swansea Metropolitan University became part of the University and even though UWTSD is one of the UK's youngest institutions, the University's Royal Charter is the oldest in Wales and England after the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

The Lampeter campus was founded in 1822 and offers a picturesque environment combined with a rich heritage and history. This historic campus was home to the first Higher Education institution in Wales and now combines a distinguished academic tradition with all the modern facilities and technology necessary for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. Set in an idyllic rural location, our Lampeter campus provides a supportive student experience in a close-knit community environment.

Lampeter campus has a long and distinguished academic tradition in the Humanities and is home to a range of courses in the subject areas of English, History, Archaeology, Chinese, Classical Studies, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Anthropology, Publishing, Ancient Civilisations, Psychology, Ancient Egyptian Culture and Creative Writing.

UWTSD and Lampeter in particular are delighted to bring such an internationally renowned conference onto its wonderful campus. Around the theme of 'Networks', we'll have scholars from around the world deliver papers alongside our own researchers, reinforcing UWTSD Lampeter's long-standing reputation as a centre for the study of spirituality and faith within a contemporary context. Unusually perhaps, for such an academic conference, the topic will be of wide public interest, against a tragic backdrop of spreading terrorism, sectarianism, and religious turmoil in the MENA region and across the world, largely orchestrated, if not generated, by the use of modern social media technology.

Dr Jeremy Smith

Dean for the Faculty of Humanities and Performing Arts  
University of Wales Trinity Saint David

# ABOUT BRISMES

Founded in 1973, BRISMES is the UK's premier higher education umbrella organisation for MENA studies, embracing all of the top universities in the UK to promote the study of all aspects of the region. Sponsorship and corporate and individual membership of BRISMES have long facilitated access and exposure to the best academics, emerging scholars and substantive research in the field.

This is, if anything, even more important in today's world than it has been historically. The MENA region remains one of the most complex and volatile parts of the world – as well as being of major strategic and economic importance to the United Kingdom. A better understanding of the dynamics and tensions underlying its political and economic situation is essential not only in its own right but also to the analysis and understanding of wider global questions.

## Database of Academic Expertise

We are continuing to expand our interactive database of academic expertise worldwide. Our aim is to offer a one-stop shop for access to other sites of interest, information on courses, job opportunities, new publications and forthcoming events. We are grateful to the Centre for the Advanced Study of the Arab World (CASAW) and to the British Academy for sponsoring this exciting enterprise.

## E-calendar

Our e-calendar is a hub for Middle East Studies events throughout the UK and further afield, listing everything from academic lectures and conferences to book launches and film screenings. It is free both to browse and to advertise events. Find out more at [www.brismes.ac.uk/calendar](http://www.brismes.ac.uk/calendar).

## Publications

The highly renowned 'British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies' is printed quarterly. Our regular e-newsletter carries information on upcoming events, job vacancies and recent publications.

## Scholarships and Awards

We oversee a range of scholarships and awards for outstanding graduate students – read more at [www.brismes.ac.uk/student-area/scholarships](http://www.brismes.ac.uk/student-area/scholarships).

## Events

We host a range of international conferences, workshops and lectures to provide opportunities to network with experts in all relevant areas of study. Many events strengthen our links with corporate and other private sector bodies and help to maintain our strong relations with London-based diplomats.

## Student Section

Our Student Section holds independent conferences and events tailored specifically for postgraduate students and early career researchers, and runs an e-journal – New Middle Eastern Studies (NMES) – hosted on [www.brismes.ac.uk](http://www.brismes.ac.uk).

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The Gingko foundations promote and facilitate dialogue between the Middle East and the Western world through conferences, events and scholarly publications. In the face of an increasingly virulent divide between East and West, we enable constructive, informed and open discussion, giving a voice to a new generation of thinkers and opinion formers.

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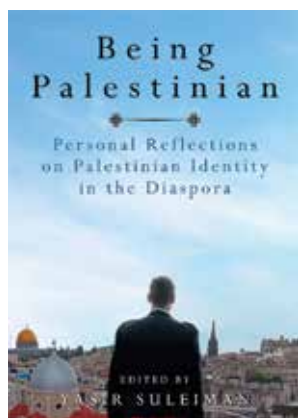
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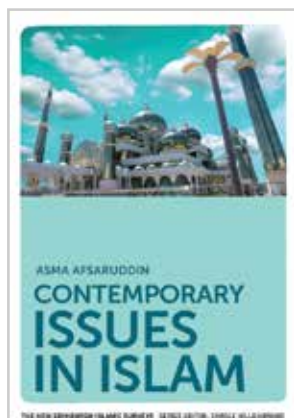
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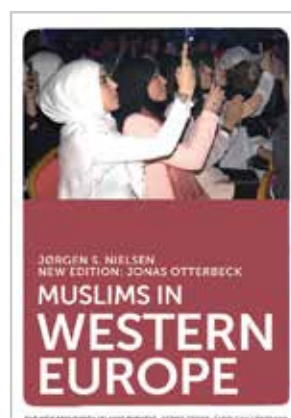
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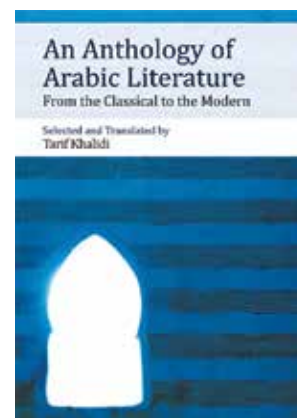
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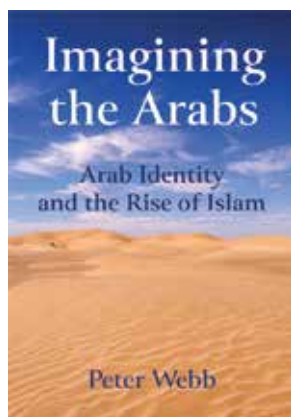
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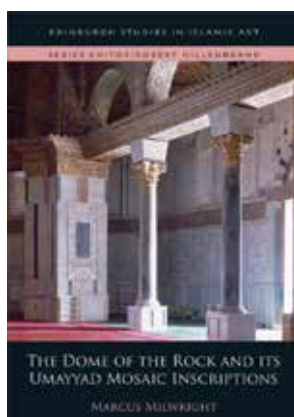
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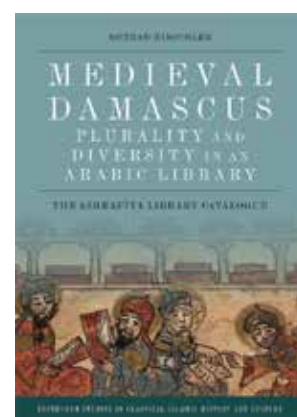
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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

## Wednesday 13 July 2016

13.30 – 15.30	Coach Transfers from Carmarthen Station
15.00 – 17.00	Registration, Tea & Coffee
17.00 – 17.15	<b>Opening &amp; Welcome Addresses</b> Frances Guy, President, BRISMES Jeremy Smith, Dean for the Faculty of Humanities and Performing Arts, University of Wales Trinity Saint David
17.15 – 18.15	<b>Plenary Session: The Dragon and the Crescent: Wales and Islam through Nine Centuries</b> Dr Grahame Davies
18.15 – 19.30	<b>Drinks Reception</b>
19.30 – 20.30	Dinner Available in the Main Refectory
21.00 – 22.00	<b>Middle East Themed Quiz</b>

## Thursday 14 July 2016

07.30 – 09.00	Breakfast
08.30 – 10.30	<b>Panel 1</b>
10.30 – 11.00	Tea & Coffee and Presentation from Joanne Richardson, Cengage Learning
11.00 – 13.00	<b>Panel 2</b>
13.00 – 14.15	Lunch
13.15 – 14.15	<b>BRISMES AGM</b>
14.15 – 16.15	<b>Panel 3</b>
16.15 – 16.30	Tea & Coffee
16.30 – 18.30	<b>Panel 4</b>
19.30	<b>Conference Dinner</b>

## Friday 15 July 2016

07.30 – 09.00	Breakfast
09.00 – 11.00	<b>Panel 5</b>
11.00 – 11.30	Tea & Coffee
11.30 – 13.30	<b>Panel 6</b>
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30	Coach transfers to Camarthen Station

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## Conference Organisation Team

### **Conference Convenor**

Gary Bunt

### **Conference Coordinator**

Emma Pearson

### **Conference Committee**

Frances Guy, Louise Haysey, Robert Lowe, Chelsea Milsom, Ribale Sleiman-Haidar, Sandra Sfeir, Paul Starkey

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## Registration

The conference registration and information desk is located on the ground floor at the entrance the Arts Building.

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Lunch, coffee and tea will be available to all conference delegates. These will be served in the Main Refectory at times indicated in the conference programme. If you have an accommodation ticket, dinner on Wednesday and breakfasts on Thursday and Friday will also be provided.

## Conference Dinner

The conference dinner will take place on Thursday 14 July in the Main Refectory. Dinner will be served at 19.30.

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If you need any help, please contact the information desk, phone campus reception on 01570 422351 or the conference coordinator on 0207 955 6553, or speak to a conference steward.

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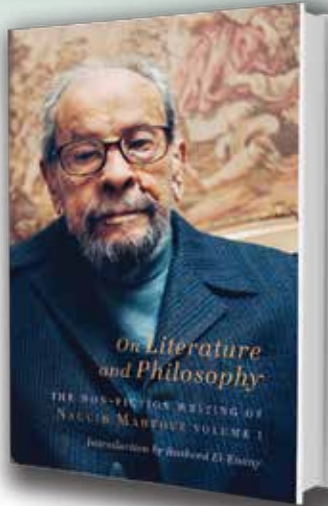
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- The conference programme is very full and panels cannot run over time. Presenters must not speak for longer than 15 minutes. If this happens, the chair will stop the presenter, regardless of the point reached in the presentation.
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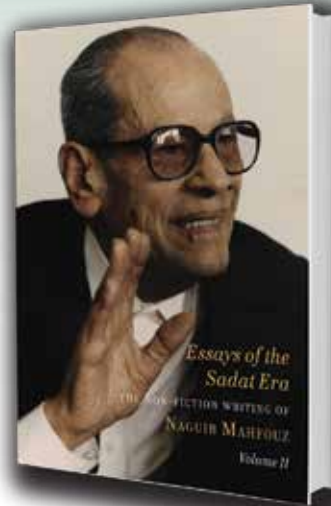


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We will provide coach transfers from Carmarthen Station to Lampeter at 13.30, 15.00 and 15.30 on 13 July, and back to the station after the conference at 14.30 promptly on 15 July. The journey lasts about 40 minutes, dependent on traffic.

If you miss these transfers, there is also a bus service that runs to and from Carmarthen Station to Lampeter High Street about every hour.

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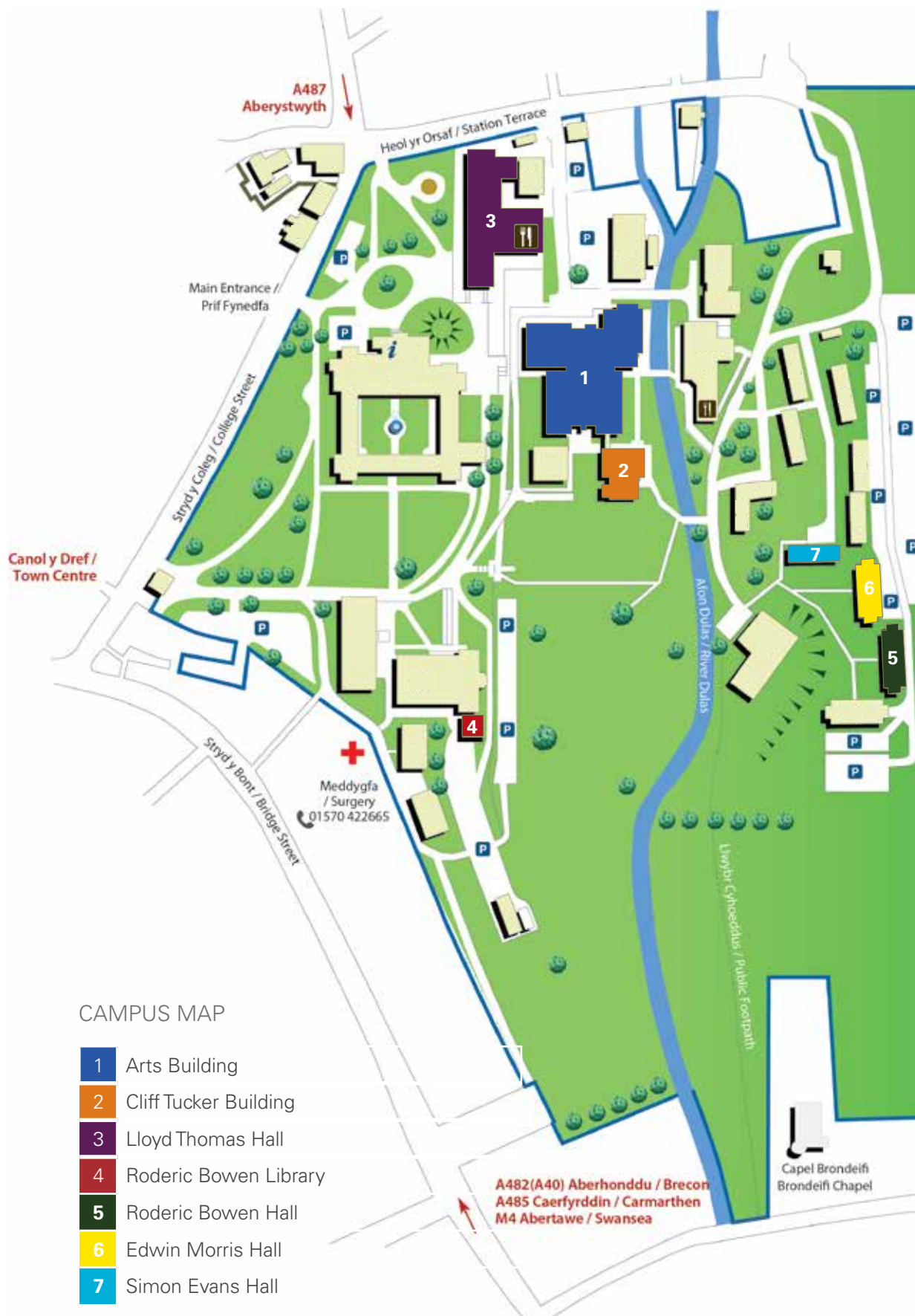
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The Roderic Bowen Library & Archives houses the University's oldest printed books, manuscripts and archives and is one of the principal resources for academic research in Wales. The collections include medieval and post-medieval manuscripts, and over 25,000 early printed items among which are significant works on Islam.

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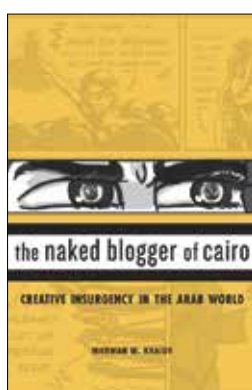
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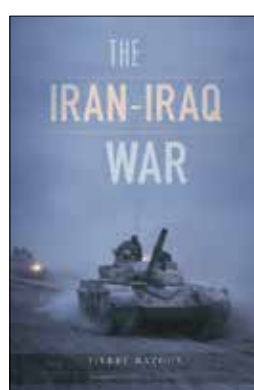
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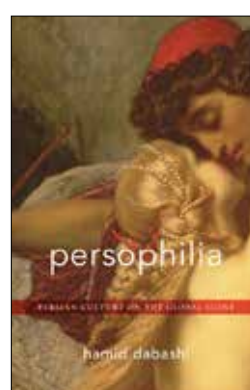
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Pejman Abdolmohammadi, LSE

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Bruce Stanley, Richmond University

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Sophie Rudland, I. B. Tauris

This workshop and Q & A session will give advice on how to get published in academic journals and books. During this session, Sophie Rudland, Editor for Geography and Social Sciences at I. B. Tauris, will give her perspective on the subject before opening the discussion up for questions.

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Amira Halperin, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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### **Cyberspace Counter-Radicalisation Networks in Syria and Iraq: Strategic Implications**

Ahmad Shikara, Arab Institute for Security Studies

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